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SUBJ: NATO SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT: TERRORISM

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1. NAC WILL HAVE ON AGENDA MAY 21 SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S HALF-YEARLY REVIEW OF SUBVERSIVE AND INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES FOR PERIOD NOV 1974 TO APRIL 1975. (C-M(75)24, POUCHED MAY 6) REPORT IS SIMILAR IN FORMAT TO EARLIER SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS. IT CONTAINS A SYNTHESIS OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBERS ON COMMUNIST AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING A FIVE PAGE SECTION ON POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM.

2. MISSION TRANSMITS IN PARA 5 BELOW EXCERPTS FROM SPEAKING NOTES WHICH CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, NETHERLANDS CIVIL SECURITY SERVICE CHIEF A. KUIPERS, WILL USE AT MAY 21 NAC. WHILE NOTING INTEREST AND ACTIVITIES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO TERRORISM, KUIPERS WILL POINT UP LIMITATIONS ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE WORK IN THIS FIELD WHICH HE BELIEVES ARE INHERENT IN AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

3. REPORTS ON JAPANESE RED ARMY AND MEASURES FOR COUNTER-ACTING TERRORISM: MISSION UNDERSTANDS FROM DIRECTOR NATO OFFICE OF SECURITY, ABIDIAN, THAT SPECIAL COMMITTEE CONSIDERED REPORT ON JAPANESE RED ARMY DURING INFORMAL SESSION IN APRIL. COMMITTEE
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DECIDED THAT THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD BRIEF SYG LUNS ON REPORT AND THAT COMMITTEE WOULD NOT TRANSMIT REPORT TO NAC. FINAL VERSION OF JAPANESE RED ARMY REPORT, WHICH CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF U.S. CONTRIBUTION, WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL

COMMITTEE. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ALSO DECIDED NOT TO SEND TO THE NAC THE DRAFT REPORT (REFTEL) ON MEASURES FOR COUNTER-ACTING TERRORISM. DRAFT DEALT INTER-ALIA WITH QUESTIONS OF GOVT ORGANIZATION FOR COMBATTING TERRORISM WHICH MOST SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS BELIEVED WERE BEYOND THEIR COMPETENCE.

4. COMMENT: RECENT SPECIAL COMMITTEE DECISIONS AND KUIPERS' REMARKS INDICATE LIMITS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S VIEW OF ITS AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO TERRORISM. NEVERTHELESS, MISSION

BELIEVES NAC CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND NATO GOVTS OF OUR CONTINUED CONCERN ABOUT TERRORISM AND OUR DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH ALLIES IN COUNTERING TERRORIST THREATS. IF DEPT CONCURS, MISSION WOULD AFFIRM IN BRIEF STATEMENT AT MAY 21 NAC OUR HOPE THAT INTERESTED ALLIED GOVTS WILL EXCHANGE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ON PROCEDURES FOR COMBATTING TERRORISM AND IDENTIFYING TERRORIST THREATS THROUGH THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND OTHER CHANNELS. ACTION REQUESTED: WASH GUIDANCE BY MAY 20.

5. BEGIN TEXT OF EXCERPTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S SPEAKING NOTES:

MY PREDECESSOR, DR. NOLLAU, WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT TERRORISM WHEN HE PRESENTED THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S HALF-YEARLY REPORT ON SUBVERSIVE AND INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES TO YOU IN JANUARY THIS YEAR. THE NATURE OF SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS INDICATED TO ME A DESIRE THAT INT'L TERRORISM AND, IN PARTICULAR, WAYS AND MEANS TO DEVELOP MORE EFFECTIVE COUNTER-MEASURES, SHOULD BE STUDIED IN A FORUM WHERE THE BROAD SPECTRUM OF GOVT AGENCIES INVOLVED WOULD BE REPRESENTED. I HOPE IT IS CLEAR THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED IS NOT SUCH A FORUM AND THAT, IF ITS MEMBERSHIP WERE TO BE WIDENED, THE COMMITTEE'S ABILITY TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS FOR WHICH IT WAS CREATED WOULD BE ENDANGERED.

LIKE SO MANY COMMITTEES IN NATO, WE ARE A COMMITTEE
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OF EXPERTS; PERHAPS IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO SAY SPECIALISTS - SPECIALISTS IN THE FIELDS OF SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE. AMONG OUR NUMBER ARE THE HEADS OR DEPUTY HEADS OF MOST OF THE CIVILIAN SECURITY SERVICES OF MEMBER NATIONS. AS SUCH, OUR INTEREST IN IDENTIFYING MEMBERS OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS AND IN STUDYING THEIR AIMS AND METHODS IS OBVIOUS AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT, TO THIS END, EACH OF US HAS ESTABLISHED VERY CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR SISTER SERVICES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE ALLIANCE, WITH WHOM OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE IS EXCHANGED BILATERALLY AND MULTILATERALLY.

WE ARE ALL DEEPLY INVOLVED IN OUR OWN GOVERNMENT

ORGANIZATIONS FOR COUNTERACTING TERRORISM AND FOR DEALING WITH TERRORIST INCIDENTS WHEN THEY ARISE. WITHIN OUR OWN GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, MY COLLEAGUES AND I DO OUR BEST TO SEE THAT ALL OUR NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS PLAY A FULL AND CO-OPERATIVE PART: SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO SPEAK OUTSIDE THE LIMIT OF THEIR SPECIALISED RESPONSIBILITIES IN AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM. EVEN THOSE OF MY COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE NATIONAL AUTHORITY IN BOTH THE INTELLIGENCE AND EXECUTIVE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT FIELDS HAVE NOT GOT JURISDICTION OVER ALL THEIR NATIONAL AGENCIES INVOLVED IN TERRORIST COUNTER-MEASURES.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ARE CONVINCED, AND I TRUST THAT COUNCIL AGREES, THAT NATO IS NOT THE APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY EXCHANGE OF OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. WHAT WE DO AT OUR MEETINGS IS TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON EXPERIENCES GAINED IN OUR NATIONAL EFFORTS TO COUNTERACT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING TERRORISM. EACH OF US CARRIES THE EXPERIENCE THUS GAINED BACK TO OUR CAPITALS FOR APPROPRIATE NATIONAL DISSEMINATION.

I THINK THERE CAN BE LITTLE DOUBT THAT ALL MEMBER NATIONS ARE NOW THOROUGHLY ALERT TO THE REALITY OF THE THREAT OF INT'L TERRORISM AND ALL HAVE MADE APPROPRIATE NATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO COMBAT THE THREAT. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WHICH WE HELD RECENTLY ON COUNTERACTING TERRORISM LEFT NO DOUBT THAT SUCH NATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT, AND CANNOT BE, IDENTICAL BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES IN SYSTEMS OF GOVT. THESE DISCUSSIONS ALSO REINFORCED THE VIEW OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, AS I HAVE INDICATED ALREADY, THAT IT IS NOT AN APPROPRIATE BODY
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TO DEAL WITH COUNTER-MEASURES AS A WHOLE. WE CONSIDERED A SUMMARY OF OUR PAST ACTIVITIES REGARDING TERRORISM PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF SECURITY AND ALSO A NATO SECURITY COMMITTEE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ENTITLED "MEASURES FOR PROTECTION AT NATO COMMANDS AND AGENCIES". THE TWO DOCUMENTS JUST MENTIONED SHOW THE NATO SECURITY COMMITTEE'S AND THE NATO SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S INVOLVEMENT WITH TERRORISM. THEY ARE AVAILABLE TO COUNCIL IF YOU SO WISH. END TEXT:

6. PLEASE PROTECT CLOSELY UNTIL AFTER MAY 21. BRUCE

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